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1. Disturbed by the extremely cool attitude of the Austrian socialists, the Hungarian socialists have decided to make great efforts to improve relations. Arpad Szakasits and Anna Ketly plan to stop in Vienna for five days on or about 15 November enroute from Budapest to London. Laszlo Bartok, a Hungarian political agent in Vienna, was commissioned to make appointments for them with Social Democratic leaders in Vienna. Zoltan Horvath, the third Hungarian socialist on the London trip, will proceed directly back to Budapest. Because he is Russophile, it was felt that his presence in Vienna would antagonize the Austrian socialists.
2. Count Michael Karolyi is disillusioned and disgusted with the state of affairs in Hungary. Although considered a "radical" himself, he is astounded at the ruthless domination of the Communist Party and the complete submission of the Social Democrats as well as the constant interference of the Russians. He is further shocked at the corruption in official circles and feels the Russians are tolerating, if indeed they are not fostering, corruption in order to create a chaotic condition and to gain a hold on every political leader in the event of a putsch by the Communists. Karolyi has made bitter remarks about the luxury and extravagance of the Szakasits family. He is also disturbed by the ignorance of many political leaders and has decided to do what he can to force the resignation of Foreign Minister Gyongyosi.
3. Gyongyosi, on his return from Paris, is reported to have said that Hungary has nothing to gain from a Soviet orientation, that the Russians will never trust the Hungarians, and that Russia is selling out Hungary to the Romanians. Gyongyosi stated that he will probably resign to become Minister to Rome. He will urge Prime Minister Nagy to keep the Foreign Affairs portfolio for himself with Laszlo Valics as Undersecretary. The present Undersecretary, Paul Sebestyen, is slated to represent Hungary in the United Nations.
4. Hungarian Government officials have suggested that Austrian political leaders invite them to Austria for chamois hunting. Nagy wishes by this means to demonstrate Hungary's intention to keep its doors open to the West, despite Soviet prohibition of Austro-Hungarian diplomatic relations.

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